

Cloudy tonight. Showers tomorrow.

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CAPITAL SENDS GENEROUS RELIEF TO STRICKEN CITY

Carloads of Supplies Being Sent West by Almost Every Train Leaving City.

PEOPLE OF ALL CLASSES ANXIOUS TO CONTRIBUTE

Committee Doing Excellent Work With the Aid of Citizens and Merchants.

By almost every outgoing train bound for the West, Washington continues to send a generous supply to San Francisco. The shipment yesterday of food, clothing, bedding, and medical supplies made up by the committee on supplies and transportation of the citizens' relief committee, was much larger than the committee had anticipated in the morning.

Edwin L. Springmann, who is in charge of the store at 217 Sixth street, where the supplies are being received, said this morning that the receipts yesterday would easily have filled a car. This morning more packages were received than on any previous days, and as each mail brings a large batch of notices to send for supplies, the largest shipment so far will be made this afternoon.

Large Contributions.

E. A. Haines, proprietor of Haines' department store, Eighth street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast, donated a box of supplies this morning, weighing 500 pounds. In it were packed new blankets, new women's and children's clothing, shoes, caps, linen, etc. Another large contribution consisted of a large sized box from the Ladies' Relief Society, packed with clothing and other necessities. Three boxes were also received from Hanover, Pa.

People in all positions of life are contributing generously, and the opportunity to give has been opened up to the sufferers for those who do not feel able to give money.

One striking example of the response that has been made to the appeal occurred this morning, when an old man gave some clothes. He was brought in a suit of clothes almost new. "It is the best suit I have," he said, "but some one else needs it more than I do, and it is the most I can do to aid the sufferers."

Benefit at Chase's.

E. Southard Parker, treasurer of the citizens' relief committee, this morning received the following letter from P. B. Chase, giving the results of the benefit performance given yesterday afternoon at Chase's Theater:

"Washington, D. C., April 24, 1906.

"Dear Sir: Here is my check for \$341.75, being total amount realized for 8000 of the benefit performance at Chase's Theater this afternoon for the San Francisco sufferers. The sum realized might have been larger if I had advanced the prices, but this was against my fixed policy, and every seat in the house was sold at the regular scale of 25 cents.

"I am deeply grateful and appreciative at the hearty response of the public who filled every seat in the theater, many standing, and some turned away. That same gratitude I have for the artists, who contributed their services from the city, and every artist and to Manager De Witt and every artist of the theater, who labored diligently for the success of the benefit.

"The artists' aggregate salary for this one performance would have been \$180, and they ask that of the foregoing \$180 be sent direct to the headquarters of the 200 and more members of the profession now stranded in the stricken city. Very truly,

"P. B. CHASE."

List of Subscriptions.

At noon today the following subscriptions had been received by E. Southard Parker, treasurer of the citizens' relief committee:

Amount previously acknowledged	\$15,691.65
C. A. Aspinwall	100.00
Henry W. Scott	100.00
Employees S. Kann, Sons & Co.	110.24
William F. Hall	5.00
William Hahn & Co.	100.00
M. L. Weller	25.00
Gardner F. Williams	300.00
George F. Muth & Co.	25.00
C. H. Duell	25.00
Elizabeth B. Bliss	10.00
Dr. Richard Kingsman	5.00
Charles M. Havell	25.00
O. G. Staples	100.00
Mary Spencer	10.00
Dr. George M. Roberts	60.00
M. T. Moore	2.00
James M. Green	50.00
W. S. Leavitt	50.00
Mrs. Robert Craig	5.00

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THE WEATHER REPORT.

There will be showers tonight and Thursday in the East and South, preceded by partly cloudy weather tonight in the middle Atlantic States.

Temperatures will continue to rise.

TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m. 67
12 noon 67
1 p. m. 68

THE SUN.

Sun sets today 6:46
Sun rises tomorrow 6:10

TIDE TABLE.

Low tide today 3:25 p. m.
High tide today 9:08 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow 3:38 a. m.
High tide tomorrow 9:42 a. m.

FIRST RELIEF TRAIN WITH FOOD AND CLOTHING TO REACH SAN FRANCISCO FROM LOS ANGELES



PRESIDENT TAKES THE RELIEF FUND FROM RED CROSS

The Proclamation Directs Money Be Sent to the Citizens' Committee.

President Roosevelt today issued a statement in which he directs all relief contributions for San Francisco to be placed in the hands of the general relief committee, taking the matter entirely out of the hands of the Red Cross Society. The President had a conference about the matter this morning with Senator Flint of California, and his statement followed immediately.

The former statement of President Roosevelt's directing that all contributions be expended under the direction of Dr. Edward Devine, of the National Red Cross, was not well taken by the people of San Francisco, as they did not understand the President's motives. He says that all need for employing the Red Cross has now passed. His statement is as follows:

"To the Public:

"When the news of the dreadful disaster at San Francisco first came it was necessary to take immediate steps to provide in some way for the receipt and distribution of the sums of money which at once poured in for the relief of the people of the stricken city. At the moment no one could foretell how soon it would be possible for the people of San Francisco themselves to organize; and to tide over the interval, the American National Red Cross Association was designated to receive and disburse the funds. But the people of San Francisco, with an energy and resourcefulness which is characteristic of them, and a capacity for organized and orderly endeavor which are beyond all praise, have taken the matter into their own hands. They have elected a committee of their own, and they have elected a chairman of their own. The work of these committees has been astonishing in its range, and it has been most efficient. I am informed by Major General Greely, although all local transportation was destroyed, as well as practically every supply store in the city, these local committees, with the help of the army, have succeeded in caring for 30,000 homeless people in the last five days. Thanks to their efforts, no individual is now suffering severely for food, water, or temporary shelter. The work has been done with the minimum of waste and under conditions which would have appalled men less trained in business methods, endowed with less ability, or inspired with any but the highest motives of humanity and helpfulness. The committee has passed, and I urge that hereafter all contributions from any source be sent direct to James D. Phelan, chairman finance committee, San Francisco. Mr. Devine, of the Red Cross, will disburse any contributions sent to him through ex-Mayor Phelan and will work in accord with him in all ways.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

The President telegraphed to Mayor Schmitz the text of this proclamation, and added:

"There was, of course, absolutely no question that every sufferer would be helped simply as a sufferer by your committee, as soon as they were organized, and action through the Red Cross was simply to fill the gap until your organization was perfected. If it would, of course, have been a dereliction of duty on our part if we had not at once taken steps to see that the gap was filled at a time when it was impossible for us to know how soon you would be organized. I have sent a message to Congress today urging an immediate appropriation for work at the Mare Island Navy Yard, and for the immediate appropriation for the building asked for by the War Department. In a few days I shall send in a further appropriation for the rebuilding of the other public buildings, but I am not yet able to get details as to the amount needed for these.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

Fireproof Storage.

Merchants' Transfer & Storage Co., Adv.

Thousands Met the Southern Pacific Train on the Outskirts of the Burned City and Ate Ravenously Crowded Around the Car Doors.

ARMY TAKING THE LEAD IN ALL RELIEF WORK

General Greely Reports General Situation Improved. No Discrimination Against the Chinese—Planning to Resume Business.

The following additional telegrams from General Greely bearing on the general situation, were given at the War Department this morning:

"Fort Mason, Cal., April 24.

"Colonel Pratt just returned from thorough inspection Santa Rosa. There are no homeless persons unprovided for. Provisions from outside sources leave no present need or ration. Santa Rosa is guarded by two companies of the California National Guard, and no additional troops are desired. Sanitary conditions good, excellent order prevails, spirits of the people high, although about 100 were killed and many more injured. The entire business part of the city is destroyed. Medical attendance is ample, but certain medical supplies are necessary, which I have ordered forwarded today.

"Greely."

"So far, the citizens' committee and military authorities have known no distinction of race, the sole question being one of destitution and practical relief. It would be particularly unfortunate if the idea is circulated that the National Red Cross Association is the only one which treats without discrimination the destitute and suffering in this city.

"Greely."

"Army in Charge of Food Distribution.

"Fort Mason, Cal., April 24.

"Judge Morrow, Dr. Devine, and the citizens' committee had a long executive meeting in my office this morning, in which General Funston participated. It was decided that the time has arrived to resume normal conditions in San Francisco, and consequently orders have been issued protecting wholesale and retail dealers in their business and stocks which will not be molested by either military or civil authorities. The citizens' committee and the mayor unanimously requested that the army take over and supervise the issue of food to the destitute. Conditions of issue to be determined by citizens' committee. This has been agreed to, to take effect Thursday noon. It will strain to the utmost the powers of the present military force, but the army should assume this duty, believing its action, as judged from the past, to be the most efficient method for the restoration of normal conditions in San Francisco.

"Greely."

"Fort Mason, Cal., April 24.

"Had extended conference with Dr. Devine and the Red Cross Society, during which general lines of operation by the army and himself have been cordially outlined. In order to insure harmony and greater efficiency this work will proceed under division supervision with Depot Quartermaster Devol and Depot Quartermaster Krauthoff in charge of duties pertaining to their special departments. Devine is co-ordinating and concentrating relief work along lines that promise efficiency and harmony. Under these conditions, and at request of Mayor Schmitz, the army assumes duty of supplying with food all destitute within city limits. Health of city is remarkably good, considering all conditions.

"Greely."

FURLOUGHED, HE TRIED SUICIDE

Discharged Employee From Big Printery Used Razor With Terrible Effect.

Destitute at Santa Rosa Cared For.

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"Greely."

The War Department is much pleased with the character of the reports received the past two days from General Greely. He has shown a comprehensive grasp of the situation, and his descriptions of conditions are the most lucid and illuminating that have yet reached the department. General Greely was on his way to Washington from San Francisco to attend the wedding of his daughter, and had gotten as far as Chicago when the earthquake occurred. Without waiting for orders he took the first train back to the coast. He is in command of the Pacific division, which comprises both the Department of the Columbia and the Department of California, of which latter General Funston is the commanding general. As stated in one of his dispatches, General Greely has merely assumed general direction of policies and sanitation, and has left to General Funston the detail work of relieving distress and preserving order, for which he has already shown such remarkable aptitude.

General Funston has also telegraphed the War Department that there has been no discrimination against the Chinese.

He Wanted to Die.

Reese gave a sudden start, opened his eyes, felt near his right thigh for the razor, evidently for the purpose of hiding it and looking Mrs. Stecher in the face, told her he wanted to die.

Reese Was Furloughed About a Week Ago.

Reese was furloughed about a week ago. The release was supposed to be for a period of nine days. But he made inquiry among other employees at the Government Printing Office and ascertained that there was no prospect of his returning to work in the near future because Public Printer Stillings was discharging men and women every day instead of putting them back to work. Reese was evidently too despondent to return to his family in Harrisburg without money or prospect of getting any, and decided to kill himself.

DISASTER CUTS RESERVE OF INSURANCE IN HALF

London Company Surplus Chopped About One Million Pounds Sterling.

LONDON, April 25.—At a meeting to-

day of the London and Lancashire Insurance Company the chairman made the announcement that a week ago the reserve funds of the company stood at over £2,000,000. Half of this sum has been wiped out by the losses in the San Francisco disaster.

The officers of the company advised the shareholders to accept the situation calmly, notwithstanding the manner in which the reserve fund has been decreased to meet the American obligations.

MAD STAMPEDE OF REFUGEES FROM FRISCO

Terror-Stricken by Repeated Earth Shocks Thousands Flee From San Francisco In Wild Panic.

VAST RAGGED ARMY OF SUFFERERS TRAMPS TO FERRY THROUGH RAINS

Secretary Metcalf Arrives and Takes Charge of Affairs---Women Greatest Sufferers. Death Rate Swells.

GREELY ADDS SEVENTEEN NAMES TO DEATH LIST

The War Department this morning received the following telegram from General Greely:

Fort Mason, Cal., April 24.

Following named dead are reported, in addition to list sent last night:

Albert D. Sagehter, Margaret Miles, Anne Mary Petrig, unknown male, Joseph U. Aebi, Jens Sorensen, Mei Meclair, Holber M. Mause, Patrick Dockery, Dennis T. Sullivan, Bernard Shay, Jules Jauzi, Amelio Marco, N. A. Hustell, John Faurth, Francis Mercier, Tereas Roche.

Two hundred and twenty-one injured are being cared for at general hospital, Presidio; 784 at Park Emergency Hospital, making 1,005 injured so far reported.

No further reports on this subject will be rendered unless specially called for.

GREELY,
Commanding.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—Thousands of refugees are in wild fight from this city.

Terror-stricken by the frequent tremblings of the earth that have continued since the great shock that destroyed the greater part of the city, wan and weak from their suffering in chill winds and rains, thousands have abandoned the camps to trudge to the ferry.

No opposition to the exodus was offered by the authorities, as they recognized that the suffering in the camps was almost unbearable, and that unless conditions change, there would be a tremendous death rate.

The railroads, trolleys, and water lines are carrying the fugitives free, and they are being distributed in Oakland, Alameda, and Berkeley.

DEATH RATE INCREASING.

There are still more than 100,000 refugees in the camps here, and they are needing tents, clothing, and other supplies. The death rate is increasing and sickness is on the increase. It has been decided to establish fifty-six food stations, where all heads of families and single persons will be listed and supplied with food under charge of the military. This will relieve the great bread lines and obviate delay in issuing supplies.

Mayor Schmitz has issued a proclamation fixing the price of butter at 20 cents a pound and eggs at 20 cents a dozen. Those charging more will be arrested and confined in the guard house.

The Union Railway Company has practically turned its lines over to the city and thrown its barns and cars open to the public for loading purposes. Thorne, a young New York lawyer, is practically at the head of the street railway lines. He has arranged for cars to start running on Filmore, Divisadero, and Mission streets.

Secretary Metcalf in Charge.

Secretary Metcalf has arrived from Washington. He is President Roosevelt's personal representative and will be in charge from now on, superseding General Greely and Funston.

In response to a demand from the citizens' committee that the State guard be recalled a conference was arranged between Governor Pardee, Mayor Schmitz, and the general relief committee. The governor, however, failed to attend. Another meeting will be arranged.

The citizens' committee passed a resolution asking Governor Pardee to abolish the pass rule on the ferry so that business men may return to the city to attend to their business interests.

It was announced that free transportation on the railroads would cease Thursday.

The citizens' committee sent a telegram to Secretary of War Taft asking that all Government funds be sent direct to James D. Phelan, chairman of the local finance committee. This was addressed to the Secretary of War to avoid asking the President to abdicate his proclamation placing full authority in the hands of the military commander and ordering all Government finances sent through him.

The providing of clothing for women is proving a pressing problem. Great numbers of women were clad only in their night clothes when they fled from their homes and were unable to return to get other clothing. Many of these are still to be seen in the park camps wearing only their night dresses, while others are wearing men's coats, trousers, or overalls. Many are gone barefooted for five days.

The dynamiting of buildings is still going on. Three great charges exploded in the Emportum, the principal depart-

ment store of the city, failed to bring down the ruined walls.

Seventeen distinct movements of the earth have been recorded for Forecaster Adie since the great upheavals of last Wednesday that caused the destruction of the greater part of the city. He says the movements are not over, but does not apprehend any danger, as the shocks are a trembling in a process of readjustment and will grow weaker until they cease altogether.

Troops and Policemen Clash.

The frequent clashes between Federal troops and State militia developed into a serious rupture today. The trouble is growing hourly, and the police also clash with the troops. Military away is absolute, and further efforts were made today to induce Governor Pardee to withdraw the State troops. It is feared if they remain the conflict of authority will result in battles.

A soldier shot a policeman yesterday in an altercation as to which should obey the orders of the mayor or a body. A Chinaman was shot for looting. Fourteen men were shot at different places on Friday night, and there have been frequent shootings since. Many of these are declared to have been wanton murders.

The city is ruled by the uniformed men on horseback who ride through the streets, swords clanking, directing the desertion of dangerous ruins, driving the refugees out of the streets, and ordering troops, militia, police, and civilians alike. They are men of action and strength, but the citizens' unused to such authority, are finding it irksome.

Forty cases of smallpox were reported in today's bulletin, of the board of health. The president of the board says the sanitary conditions are well controlled and satisfactory.

TILLMANN MAKES PLEA AGAINST B. F. BARNES

Senator Tillmann made a strong plea before the Senate Committee on Post-offices and Postroads today that an investigation be made into the conduct of Benjamin F. Barnes, relative to the expulsion of Mrs. Minor Norris from the White House as outlined in the protest lodged against the confirmation of Mr. Barnes as postmaster for the District of Columbia.

The committee referred the case back to the subcommittee without instructions as to how it should proceed, and consideration of the charges against the appointee.

BETHEDA DISTRICT WARS OVER A CONSTABLE

ROCKVILLE, Md., April 25.—A delegation of citizens from Bethesda district, this county, appeared before the board of county commissioners here yesterday afternoon and urged the confirmation of the appointment of Edward Bradley to the position of constable of that district.

The appointment is that of Commissioner Bogley.